

AMENDMENTS TO LB 1024

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2687)

Introduced by Kopplin, 3

1           1. Strike the original sections and all amendments  
2 thereto and insert the following new sections:

3           Section 1. The Metropolitan Area School Districts Task  
4 Force is created. The task force shall consist of the members  
5 appointed pursuant to section 2 of this act. The task force shall  
6 report its findings and recommendations pursuant to section 4  
7 of this act to the Clerk of the Legislature and the Education  
8 Committee of the Legislature on or before November 1, 2006.

9           Sec. 2. (1) Members of the Metropolitan Area School  
10 Districts Task Force shall be and shall include:

11           (a) The chairperson of the Education Committee of the  
12 Legislature;

13           (b) Three members of the Education Committee of the  
14 Legislature, appointed by the Executive Board of the Legislative  
15 Council on or before May 1, 2006;

16           (c) A representative of the Governor's Policy Research  
17 Office, appointed by the Governor on or before May 1, 2006;

18           (d) The Commissioner of Education or his or her designee;

19           (e) The superintendent of each school district  
20 headquartered in Douglas County or his or her designee;

21           (f) The superintendent of each school district  
22 headquartered in Sarpy County or his or her designee; and

1           (g) The following members appointed by the Executive  
2 Board of the Legislative Council on or before May 1, 2006:

3           (i) A representative of a teachers' organization;

4           (ii) A representative of an association of school boards;

5           (iii) A representative of an association of school  
6 administrators;

7           (iv) One taxpayer residing in the city of Omaha;

8           (v) One taxpayer residing in Douglas County outside the  
9 city of Omaha; and

10          (vi) One taxpayer residing in Sarpy County.

11          (2) Members of the task force shall be reimbursed for  
12 their actual and necessary expenses incurred in carrying out their  
13 duties as members of the task force as provided in sections  
14 81-1174 to 81-1177. The Education Committee of the Legislature, the  
15 Legislative Fiscal Analyst, and the State Department of Education  
16 shall provide research and administrative support for the task  
17 force. For budgetary purposes only, the task force shall be within  
18 the Legislative Council.

19          Sec. 3. The chairperson of the Education Committee of  
20 the Legislature shall be the chairperson of the Metropolitan  
21 Area School Districts Task Force and shall call the initial and  
22 subsequent meetings of the task force. The initial meeting of the  
23 task force shall be held no later than June 1, 2006.

24          Sec. 4. The Metropolitan Area School Districts Task Force  
25 shall study the following topics and make recommendations for  
26 Nebraska policies and potential legislation to the Clerk of the  
27 Legislature and the Education Committee of the Legislature:

- 1           (1) Racial and socioeconomic integration;
- 2           (2) School district boundaries;
- 3           (3) Focus schools and magnet schools;
- 4           (4) Funding and finance;
- 5           (5) Option enrollment;
- 6           (6) Transportation of students;
- 7           (7) School employee compensation and retirement; and
- 8           (8) Other topics as determined by the task force.

9           Sec. 5. The boundaries for all school districts for which  
10 the principal office of the school district is located in either  
11 Douglas County or Sarpy County on the effective date of this act  
12 shall remain as depicted on March 1, 2006, on the map kept by the  
13 county clerk pursuant to section 79-490, until June 1, 2007.

14           Sec. 6. The Education Committee of the Legislature shall  
15 hold at least one public hearing in the second congressional  
16 district of Nebraska on the recommendations of the Metropolitan  
17 Area School Districts Task Force before December 31, 2006.

18           Sec. 7. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect  
19 when passed and approved according to law.